

S. CON. RES. 144

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That in the enrollment of H.R. 4837, an Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized and directed to strike subsections (e) and (f) of section 101 of division B and insert the following new subsection:

(e) The amounts provided or made available by this section are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of S. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), as made applicable to the House of Representatives by H. Res. 649 (108th Congress) and applicable to the Senate by section 14007 of Public Law 108-287.

#### INSTRUCTING CONFEREES ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order the Senate will proceed to consideration of S. Res. 465, which the clerk will report by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 465) to instruct conferees to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies appropriations bill, 2005, or on a consolidated appropriations measure that includes the substance of that act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the resolution is agreed to, and the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

The resolution (S. Res. 465) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 465

*Resolved,* That for the purpose of restoring the provisions governing the Conservation Security Program to those enacted in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act and restoring the practice of treating agricultural disaster assistance as emergency spending, the Senate instructs conferees to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2005, or a Consolidated Appropriations Measure that includes the substance of that act, to insist that the conference report contain legislative language striking subsections (e) and (f) of section 101 of division B of H.R. 4837, An Act Making Appropriations for Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment and Closure for the Department of Defense for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2005 and for Other Purposes.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4567, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Conference report accompanying (H.R. 4567), making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture is vitiated.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to present for the Senate's approval today the conference report on H.R. 4567, the fiscal year 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

The conference agreement provides total new budget authority for the Department of \$33.1 billion. Of the amount provided for fiscal year 2004, \$32 billion is for discretionary programs.

To further strengthen the capacity of the Nation's first responders to prepare for and respond to possible terrorist threats and other emergencies, this conference report provides a total of \$3.9 billion for the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, including: \$1.1 billion for the State and local formula-based grant program; \$400 million for law enforcement terrorism prevention grants; \$885 million for high-threat, high-density, urban area grants; \$150 million for port security grants; \$150 million for rail and transit security grants; and \$715 million for the firefighter assistance grant program, of which \$65 million is set-aside to begin implementing the SAFER Act. The conference report also includes a separate appropriation of \$180 million for emergency management performance grants.

The conference report includes a total of \$5.1 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, furthering our commitment to secure all modes of transportation. The conference committee made air cargo security a priority and provides \$115 million for air cargo security, an increase of \$30 million from the President's request. This funding will allow the Department to enhance its efforts to target and prohibit the transportation of high-risk cargo on passenger aircraft; as well as to advance efforts to research, develop, and procure the most effective and efficient air cargo inspection and screening systems. In addition, there is a statutory requirement for the tripling of cargo inspections on passenger aircraft.

Additionally, \$8.8 billion is provided to secure our Nation's borders; \$5.5 billion is provided for emergency preparedness and response; \$7.37 billion for the Coast Guard; and \$2 billion for research, analysis, and infrastructure protection. To increase rail security the conference report provides \$172 million for rail compliance inspectors; canine explosive detection teams; rail, freight, and transit security grants; vulnerability assessments; and research and development of technologies to prevent suicide bombers. A total of \$662 million is provided for the Federal Air Marshals, \$50 million more than the requested amount.

A matter of concern to some of my colleagues are the items funded through the offset provided by the extension of the customs user fees. The largest single item that was funded through this mechanism was speeding up the development and deployment of permanent airwings across our north-

ern border. Unfortunately, once the customs user fee extension was dropped from this bill, we lost the offset available to enhance funding for these important items and not exceed the fiscal constraints placed on our subcommittee.

The conference committee met on Thursday, October 7, 2004, and the conference report was filed on Saturday, October 9, 2004. It was adopted by the House of Representatives later that day by a vote of 368 yeas to zero nays. Senate passage of this conference report today will send this fiscal year 2005 appropriations bill to the President for signature into law.

In closing, I thank the ranking member of the subcommittee, my colleague from West Virginia, Senator BYRD; the chairman of the House subcommittee, Mr. ROGERS; and the ranking member of the House subcommittee, Mr. SABO, for their substantial contributions to this bill throughout the year. It has taken many hours of hard work by these Members and their staff members to bring this bill to a successful conclusion. I would also like to thank the chairmen ranking members of the House and Senate full Appropriations Committees and their staff members for the assistance and guidance they have provided to us throughout the process.

I recommend the adoption of the conference report.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President. I thank Chairman THAD COCHRAN, the House chairman, HAROLD ROGERS, Representative MARTIN SABO, Representative DAVID OBEY, and all of the House and Senate conferees for their hard work on this important legislation. We all share the goal of ensuring that the new Department of Homeland Security has the resources it needs to secure the homeland.

I also commend the thousands of men and women who are on the front lines of homeland security. While I remain very concerned that we are not giving these men and women the tools they need to do their jobs, that in no way detracts from their commitment to serve the Nation every hour of every day.

It is particularly appropriate for us to be considering this legislation as Congress reviews the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. The President, the Vice President, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the FBI Director, and the CIA Director invoke the threat of another terrorist attack on an almost weekly basis. The 9/11 Commission concluded that on September 11, 2001, our government agencies were not prepared to deter or respond to such attacks. We are still not prepared to deter or respond to such attacks.

In light of all of these threats, one might anticipate that the President would have amended his anemic 2-percent proposed increase for the Department of Homeland Security. One might have anticipated that the President,